

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
TENNESSEE ATHLETIC COMMISSION
500 JAMES ROBERTSON PARKWAY
DAVY CROCKETT TOWER
NASHVILLE, TN 37243**

Thursday, April 9, 2009

Call to order by Chairman Jack Sammons at 1:14 p.m.

Roll Call - Present: Chairman Jack Sammons, Commissioners Scott White, Neal Frauwirth M.D., Teri Mast, Stuart Howard, Executive Director Jeff Mullen, Assistant Commissioner Steve Majchrzak, Deputy General Counsel Wayne Pugh, Assistant General Counsel Ed Scudder. Via telephone: Chuck Clark, Joe Smith.

Absent: Kurt Spindler M.D., Steve Hannah.

Approval of March 12, 2009 minutes per motion by Commissioner Mast to approve minutes pursuant to adding Commissioner's name to page 2, item 4; second by Commissioner White. Motion passed.

Executive Director's Update by Jeff Mullen. He reviewed events in the month of March and beginning of April.

Staff Reports/Update

The legislature expressed interest in any changes the commission may have. Commission would like to add to section 68-115-205 (d). Chairman Sammons submitted proposed changes for discussion by the Commission. Commissioner White moved to accept proposed changes to statute, second by Commissioner Howard. Motion passed.

Legal report by Ed Scudder consisted of 2 items. Both dealt with amateur events. First complaint concerned an event in December – it alleged that participants were paid for their services. An investigation determined that the participants were given a gift bag, not constituting payment, but also reimbursed some for travel and lodging. The participants were not paid more than those costs. There is no law that prohibits that, but nothing endorsing it. After discussion, the Commission suggested a letter of caution as to what constitutes reimbursement and that it may not exceed \$50 value. Commissioner Howard moved that Mr. Scudder send the letter, second by Commissioner Frauwirth. Motion passed.

Second complaint concerned a bout sheet reviewed for amateur events. One combatant was discovered to have a professional contest in his record. An investigation by legal determined that he wasn't a professional combatant and he was allowed to fight. It appears no TAC rules were violated. Commissioner White moved to dismiss, Commissioner Howard seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

Commissioner White informed the commission that there are two bills dealing with TAC that are on notice to be considered before legislature next week. One wants to equitably divide events at arenas with a capacity of 10,000 or more between grand divisions of state, one deals with attendance at meetings.

New Business

Commissioner Howard complimented state personnel that helped with recent fight.

Chairman Sammons suggested meeting every other month.

Jeff Mullen brought up the possibility of having a one-event license with adjusted medical requirements. Chairman Sammons requested a memo on subject before further consideration.

Adjourned by Chairman Sammons at 2:05 p.m.